

I believe that this is not a good idea. It will limit the number and diversity of broadcasting particularly in areas like Oklahoma City where we only have a few local channels and only five that provide local news. Two of those stations have news anchors that are brothers, and are duplicates of each other in opinion and news stories. The local PBS station is the only station that provides balanced local news coverage. I can not imagine that the situation would improve if the owners of the current public stations were able to more than one of the local stations.

I have heard the argument that the rules are old and antiquated since they were written prior to the availability of the internet and that now the internet provides us with a such a great glut of news and information that we no longer need a diversity of news on television. I do not believe that this is true. National news on the internet is generally provided by conglomerates like MSNBC or CNN which reflect, of course the same news that is being shown on their television networks. Local news on the internet is, similarly, provided to the net by local television stations. This is not diversity of news or information. It is merely a re-hash of the latest local news broadcast.

I am not in favor of this regulation.